THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

Tuesday, 14th December 1954.

The House met in the Assembly Chamber, Government Estate, Mount Road, at eleven of the clock, Mr. Speaker (THE HON. SRI J. SIVASHANMUGAM PILLAI) in the Chair.

I.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Payment of advance of travelling allowance to subordinates on duty connected with District Board elections.

* 215[a] Q.—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government paid advance batta to any of the persons who were employed in connection with District Board election duties?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" Yes, Sir. Instructions were issued by Government to all Heads of Offices that advance of travelling allowance should be promptly given to subordinates deputed to attend instruction classes or for election duty, if such an advance was applied for."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Hon. Minister said that instructions were issued to give advances to subordinates. Inasmuch as a large number of employees do not belong either to the Government department or to the local board but to private agencies, may I know whether the Government ordered payment of advance of batta to all those who were employed in connection with election work?"

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :— " Instructions were given to give batta to aided-elementary and secondary school teachers."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" Now that elections are over, how long will it take for Government to pay the balance of batta to these teachers and subordinates?"

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—" I want notice, Sir."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Inasmuch as some of the battas for the general election duty are still outstanding after two years and a half, will the Hon. the Minister issue instructions that these battas are to be paid immediately and without any delay?"

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[a] Question Nos. 215, 219, 225 and 233 postponed from the list for 11th December 1954.

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" In the matter of payments, proper bills have got to be submitted. They have got to be scrutinized, before payment is made. We have got to see that wrong persons are not paid and only correct persons are paid. I think all payments have been made now. I do agree that there was inordinate delay in the payment of batta for general election duty. We have disbursed payment as far as possible. I do not think there are pending cases now, unless some more cases are brought to my notice."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" While being abundantly cautious not to pay bills to wrong persons, is the Hon. Minister aware of the fact that even right persons who have submitted their bills in the proper time and through the proper channel are being denied payment on flimsy grounds, viz., that the sanctioning authority has gone on camp, that he is not at headquarters and on some other lame excuses? The poor teachers have got to wait for a long time because the payment is being delayed on the flimsy grounds to which I have referred. What has the Hon. Minister got to say for this delay in payment to right persons, who have submitted their bills at the proper moment and through the proper channel? What has the Hon. Minister got to say in the case of a Corporation school teacher whose batta still remains unpaid for work he had done for the general elections in 1952? We are now at the fag end of 1954."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I know that there has been a certain amount of delay especially in some cases. But we have issued instructions to the effect that these bills should no longer be delayed. With reference to the particular case referred to by the hon. Member, if he brings it to my notice, I will certainly look into the matter."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" In most cases, applications for payment have got to be submitted in the proper form. When authorities were approached for such proper forms, they did not supply them. Will the Government see that necessary forms are supplied to all those teachers or whoever they may be who had been employed for work in connection with general elections?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir. Steps have been taken now so that they may get the defects rectified by the officer concerned through whom these bills have got to be submitted."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" இரண்டொரு நாட்களுக்கு முன் ஒரு கேள்விக்கு பதில் சொல்லும்போது கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னார்கள் சர்க்கார் உத்தியோகஸ்தர்கள் எந்த விஷயத்திற்கும் எம்.எல்.ஏ.க்களிடம் போகக்கூடாது ; அப்படி சென்றால் அவர்கள் மீது நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்படும் என்று ஆனால் இப்பொழுது உபாத்தியாயர்கள் பிரயாணப்படி கிடைக்காதது

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சம்பந்தமாக பதில் அளிக்கையில் அத்தகைய விஷயங்களை என்னுடைய கவனத்திற்குக் கொண்டுவந்தால் நான் நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக்கொள்ளுகிறேன் என்று சொன்னார்கள். ஆதலால் ஏற்கெனவே மந்திரி அவர்கள் சொன்னமாதிரி அதிகாரிகளின்மீது நடவடிக்கை எடுத்துக்கொள்ளுவார்களா அல்லது இப்பொழுது சொல்லுகிறமாதிரி நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பார்களா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்.''

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' That refers to the case of a teacher employed not in Government service but under the Corporation. I referred to non-Government teachers.''

Construction of a road from Pazhayangadi to Mattool, North Malabar.

* 219 [a] *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will he Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the construction of a road from Pazhayangadi to Mattool in Chirakkal taluk, North Malabar, three miles long was included in the Five-Year Plan; and

(*b*) if so, the steps taken for the construction of the road?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—'' (*a*) & (*b*) The formation of the road to a length of 2 miles and 4 furlongs is included in the Five-Year Plan but it has not yet been taken up for execution. Its execution will be sanctioned in due course.''

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—'' Are Government aware that people are put to great difficulty for want of a road there and may I request the Hon. Minister to take steps to see that the road is constructed as early as possible? ''

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—'' Yes, Sir.''

Construction of Tazhacode-Vettathur and Tazhacode-Aliparamba roads in Malabar district.

* 225[a] *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state—

(*a*) at what stage the construction of the Tazhacode-Vettathur road and the Tazhacode-Aliparamba road in Walluvanad taluk, Malabar district, stands; and

(*b*) if the construction has not yet commenced, when the Government propose to begin the work and by what time it is proposed to complete the same?

THE HON. SRI S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI :—'' (*a*) & (*b*) The execution of the road works has not yet been sanctioned and it will be sanctioned in due course when funds are available.''

[a] Questions post-poned from the list for 11th December 1954.